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## EDITORIAL

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## THE TESTING TIME

The creation of the Alberta Wheat Pool, which paved the way to the establishment of the Pool system in every important wheat growing Province of Canada, was primarily the work of the United Farmers of Alberta.

For many years before that epoch-making year in which the Pool was founded, Alberta farmers had been steadily mobilizing their strength as producers; preparing themselves by local organization and by intensive self-education for collective action in the industrial field on a large scale.

When, as a result of these many years of constant effort, the time became ripe for the launching of a voluntary co-operative wheat marketing enterprise, owned and controlled by the farmers themselves, it was through the U.F.A. that the initial steps in the organization of the Pool were taken; and it was the farmers organized in the U.F.A. Locals throughout the Province who shouldered the main burden of responsibility for the carrying out of the sign-up campaign that brought the Pool into being.

Ever since the birth of the Pool, it has been in the districts where the U.F.A. Locals are most active and well organized that the Pool has found its greatest strength.

The record of the U.F.A. as the pioneer of the Wheat Pool idea in Canada and the main source of inspiration of the Pool movement has been and is in every way a notable and an enviable one.

Today, in the light of the history of the Association, a very definite and compelling responsibility rests upon every member of the U.F.A. in every district in the Province, to sustain that record.

As President Wood states in an article published in the Wheat Pool pages of the current issue: "An unprecedented situation has arisen and the testing time has now arrived—not the testing time of the Pool system, but the testing time of the soundness and the nerve of the Pool membership."

If this is a testing time for the membership of the Pool, it is in an especial sense a testing time for the membership of the U.F.A., who were the sponsors of the Pool idea. Their example and their influence, more than any other, can assure the emergence of our whole movement from this crucial test, steeled in the determination to carry forward the work that has been well begun; for, again to quote the President: "To turn back would leave us hopeless. To go forward is our only hope, and it is a real hope."

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## THE FARMER AND THE POOL

(Ottawa Citizen)

The Western farmer is not likely to "rat" on the Pool. He must see that had it not been for the Pool, the current price of wheat, not only in Winnipeg but in Chicago and Liverpool as well, would probably be much lower than it is. He must at least suspect, if his memory is not short, that the old system of each for himself and the devil take the hindmost might be disastrous.

One of the troubles today is that the Pool is being criticized for things it is not responsible for and getting little credit for its real merits. What is the alternative to the Pool? It is to return to the individual system of selling. What would the individual system do for the farmer today? Nothing that the Pool cannot do; much that the Pool can avert.

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## NOT TO BE EXPECTED

(Edmonton Journal)

The refusal of Mr. Wood and of the Alberta Government to be stampeded into falling in line with the Regina project is greatly to their credit. But it was not to be expected that they would have anything to do with it. There is a solid foundation for confidence that the Pool will surmount its troubles successfully. The suspension for the coming year of the coarse grain contracts in Alberta promises to help towards this end.

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## MRS. PARLBY'S APPOINTMENT

(Edmonton Journal)

The selection of Hon. Irene Parlby as a member of the Canadian delegation to Geneva that is to be headed by Sir Robert Borden is a well-deserved honor. As the first woman to become a cabinet minister in the Dominion, she occupies a unique position in its public life. Her many activities in this Province have not prevented

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# News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

## A Message to Wheat Pool Members

From H W. Wood, Chairman Board of Directors

I have been asked by your Board of Directors to write the Pool Members explaining to them the present grain marketing situation and the reasons for an Initial Payment on Pool wheat of only 60 cents per bushel basis 1 Northern.

In regard to the Initial Payment,—the present low price of wheat, the general uncertainty of the market, and the vital necessity of protecting our credit by keeping our payments on a safe basis, are the reasons for payment of only 60 cents.

The Pool has no liquid capital with which to make this payment. The money has to be borrowed and it takes millions of dollars—even hundreds of millions of dollars to finance it. Nothing could be more fatal to the success of the Pool than to break down our credit.

While the protection of our credit is vital to the life of the Pool, the per cent of the full value of the wheat we get as an initial payment is not vital to the best interests of the grower. There may be some exceptions to this statement, but they are rare. I have been a farmer all my life and have been in debt all my life. The money I knew I was going to get a little later on was just about as good as the money in hand—better, if the money in hand in any way compromised my credit. The most important thing to each grower is the aggregate amount registered by the final payment. All selling policies should be subservient to that end. While the Initial Payment should be substantial—and it always has been—it never was intended to approximate the full value of the wheat.

A year ago we fixed the Initial Payment of wheat at \$1. This seemed more justified than any previous Initial Payment, but developments proved that the market on which this payment was based was a fictitious one. This payment got the Pool into trouble, but the fictitious market price got many of the Wheat Traders into even greater trouble, which, of course, doesn't help the Pool any—it suggests only that we are liable to make mistakes and must watch our step.

While 60 cents this year does not seem so well justified as \$1 did last year, we know there is no fictitious inflation this year, though the market is as hard as nails and soreheadedly bearish. When the Initial Payment was set at \$1 on July 11th last year, wheat was selling at \$1.44½. Twenty days later it was \$1.72. Today, August 27th, the market closed at 88 3-8 cents—four cents over half what it was a year ago.

I believe our present Initial Payment is safe, but I know nothing at this time to justify raising it. When the time comes that an Interim Payment and the raising of the Initial Payment are justified, it will be a pleasure to all concerned to do so. We hear many complaints that the Grower cannot finance on 60 cents and he will be compelled to sell outside the Pool. Of course I know and your Directors know, that the Wheat Growers can not finance on 60 cents. The average crop at full present prices will not finance the Grower for operating and living expenses, but there is no reason for believing that the loyal Pool Member will not fare just as well in the present crisis as the non-Pool grower.

The Pool had nothing to do with bringing about the present conditions in the wheat market, but there are good reasons for believing that wheat growers would be worse off if there had been no Wheat Pool. These conditions exist not only in the wheat market but in the marketing of other farm products, and they also extend, in a lesser or greater degree, to the trade of the world. Coarse Grains are just as bad, and I am informed that wool and sugar are even worse. Under present false industrial construction, prosperity, especially to the masses, runs in waves, and between the waves are troughs or depressions. We are now in one of the regularly recurring depressions. Another wave will come eventually and we will ride it—that is, all who do not sink from exhaustion in the meantime.

The Pool represents an effort to begin the development of a force that will eventually have an influence toward systematizing industry, smoothing out the waves, and making safer sailing for all. Of course, we have only had time to make a little start, but we have no reason to be discouraged with the progress we have made. To turn back would leave us hopeless. To go forward is our only hope, and it is a real hope.

The Wheat Pool has been criticised for not selling wheat a year ago when prices were at their highest levels. The answer is that the Pool could sell only small quantities at those levels and took advantage of every opportunity to do so. In the meantime foreign millers were exceedingly bearish and buying very closely. European countries had considerable carry-overs and the Argentine was making unexpectedly large shipments. It developed that the Argentine had an invisible carryover of some thirty million bushels of wheat that had not been taken into statistical account. This wheat was being shipped on consignment and was selling as low as thirty cents a bushel under Winnipeg prices. Had the Pool dumped its wheat against the Argentine consigned wheat two things would have been the inevitable result. First, we would have had to take the responsibility and the blame for breaking the Winnipeg market, from which blame we could never have freed ourselves. In the second place, by throwing our wheat on the market in competition with the large supplies of consigned wheat from the Argentine, we would have immediately broken the price very much further—easily to \$1 a bushel and possibly lower. The only possible course for the Pool to take was to sit tight, just as it did. It was suggested at the time that we might eventually have to sell our wheat below the prices Argentina was getting, but there was nothing else we could do but sit tight.

We have been accused of having been responsible for the fictitious prices existing at that time on the Winnipeg market. There is no vestige of truth in this accusation, and every informed person who has made such a statement knows there is no truth in it. Hind-sight is always better than foresight, but looking back over the whole situation I do not know anything the Pool could have done different from what it did.

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## Wheat Pool Initial Payment Basis of 60c For 1 Northern

WINNIPEG, August 25.—On and after Tuesday, August 26th, and until further notice, the initial payments by the Canadian Wheat Pools on the 1930-31 crop will be as follows:

Wheat, basis 1 Northern, Fort William, 60 cents per bushel; Barley, No. 3 CW, 25 cents per bushel; Oats, No. 2 CW, 30 cents per bushel; Rye No. 2 CW, 35 cents per bushel; Flax No. 1 NW, \$1.25 per bushel.

This is a drop of ten cents per bushel on wheat from the initial payment of 70 cents a bushel which was set temporarily by the board of the Central Selling Agency at the end of the 1929-30 crop year on July 15th and increase of five cents per bushel on the initial payments on rye. The initial payments on barley, oats and flax are the same as announced on July 14th.

In making the announcement the following statement was given to the press by A. J. McPhail, chairman of the board of the Central Selling Agency: "The Board of the Canadian Wheat Pools naturally desired to make the initial payment as high as possible in keeping with financial safety, in order that our members should receive as large an amount of cash as possible when they delivered their wheat to meet their pressing financial obligations, but in view of the serious difficulties which arose in connection with financing the 1929 crop and to avoid the recurrence of a similar situation arising this year, an initial payment of 60 cents per bushel on wheat has been decided upon.

"We fully realize how many of our members, especially in the areas where light crops are being harvested for the second year in succession, following the large but unprofitable crop of 1928, will feel that these initial

payments are inadequate to meet their financial requirements, but the ultimate welfare of our members makes it vitally necessary that we should take no steps that might endanger the safety of their organization.

"With market price levels for most of our farmers for both wheat and coarse grains below the cost of production, the situation facing all our growers of grain, whether members of our organization or those selling their grain to the Trade, is difficult to say the least. In similar emergencies in the past, financial and business interests have refrained from unduly pressing collections, when such action would aggravate such a serious situation as exists at present. As the welfare of our Prairie Provinces is almost entirely dependent on the solvency of our agricultural industry we hope and feel confident that all interests concerned in the welfare of Western Canada will co-operate in minimizing the difficulties our farmers are facing at the present time.

"Rumors are being circulated by those who are opposed to the farmers handling their own business, that Pool members will violate their contracts in order to get the present market prices for their grains. Those who are circulating these rumors do not know the temper of the western farmers. I am confident that Pool members will not be stampeded. They know that orderly marketing is even a greater necessity under present conditions than in normal times if the market is to be protected from the heavy selling pressure that would otherwise result from unorganized selling.

"A further payment which would involve an increase in the initial payment will be made at as early a date as market and financial conditions will permit."

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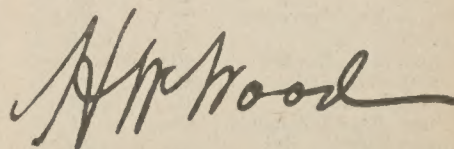
Now, just a word in regard to our Pool: We all know the reasons why the Pool was organized unless, perhaps, a few short memories have forgotten. Grain marketing conditions were hopeless and we determined to inaugurate a process of reorganization of the selling system. There was no hope held out by any intelligent advocate that this would be a sleight of hand performance that would bring revolutionary results. We all knew that it was only the beginning of a process that promised a gradual development of results. We have succeeded as well as any reasonable mind could expect. In fact we have been a world wide marvel and have had a world wide influence.

An unprecedented situation has arisen and the testing time has arrived. Not the testing time of the soundness of the Pool system, but the testing time of the soundness and the nerve of the Pool Membership. A more crucial test would be difficult to imagine. The price of wheat is low—really below the cost of production. The Growers need more money than they can hope to get for their wheat. Their creditors are pressing them, in some cases unduly. There is an idea among the Growers that they need every dollar immediately that their wheat will bring. Enemies of the Pool are taking advantage of these deplorable conditions and the consequent mental confusion, to create suspicion and dissatisfaction and thereby induce members to desert the Pool. To remind the Members at this time that this is being done against their own interests, would be to presume their ignorance.

On the other hand the Pool system is just as sound as it ever was; it is just as much the only hope of the Wheat Grower as it ever was; the old system of selling is just as hopeless as it ever was. The Pool itself is stronger and more influential than it ever was.

The destiny of the Pool is in the hands of the Growers. I have an abiding faith in its future.

Yours sincerely,



Chairman, Board of Directors

The industrious way in which many agents of private elevators are buzzing around throughout their districts spreading false reports about the Wheat Pool lends color to the fact that despite the precarious financial condition of many elevator companies they are doing their level best to drag the Pool down. Most of these rumors circulated by private elevator agents are untruthful, as time will tell. If the truth were known Pool members would realize that it is far more uncertain for them to place their grain in some private elevators.



# Alberta Pool Initial Payment

Price List for "Street Wheat" Effective August 26th, 1930—Based on Vancouver Freight Rates and Handling Charge of .05c per bushel

Vancouver Rate	18c	19c	20c	21c	22c	23c	23½c	24½c	25½c	26c	27c	28c	29c
					22½c		24c	25c		26½c			
One Nor.....	44	43½	43	42	41½	41	40½	40	39½	39	38½	38	37½
Two Nor.....	41	40½	40	39	38½	38	37½	37	36½	36	35½	35	34½
Three Nor.....	36	35½	35	34	33½	33	32½	32	31½	31	30½	30	29½
Four Nor.....	32	31½	31	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½	26	25½
No. 5.....	26	25½	25	24	23½	23	22½	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½
No. 6.....	16	15½	15	14	13½	13	12½	12	11½	11	10½	10	9½
Feed Wheat.....	9	8½	8	7	6½	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½	3	2½
Tough 1 Nor.....	38	37½	37	36	35½	35	34½	34	33½	33	32½	32	31½
Tough 2 Nor.....	35	34½	34	33	32½	32	31½	31	30½	30	29½	29	28½
Tough 3 Nor.....	30	29½	29	28	27½	27	26½	26	25½	25	24½	24	23½
Tough 4 Nor.....	26	25½	25	24	23½	23	22½	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½
Tough No. 5.....	20	19½	19	18	17½	17	16½	16	15½	15	14½	14	13½
Tough No. 6.....	10	9½	9	8	7½	7	6½	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½
Rej. 1 Nor.....	36	35½	35	34	33½	33	32½	32	31½	31	30½	30	29½
Rej. 2 Nor.....	33	32½	32	31	30½	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½
Rej. 3 Nor.....	28	27½	27	26	25½	25	24½	24	23½	23	22½	22	21½
Rej. 4 Nor.....	24	23½	23	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½	19	18½	18	17½
Rej. No. 5.....	18	17½	17	16	15½	15	14½	14	13½	13	12½	12	11½
Rej. No. 6.....	8	7½	7	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½	3	2½	2	1½
Smutty 1 Nor.....	36	35½	35	34	33½	33	32½	32	31½	31	30½	30	29½
Smutty 2 Nor.....	33	32½	32	31	30½	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½
Smutty 3 Nor.....	28	27½	27	26	25½	25	24½	24	23½	23	22½	22	21½
Smutty 4 Nor.....	24	23½	23	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½	19	18½	18	17½
Smutty No. 5.....	18	17½	17	16	15½	15	14½	14	13½	13	12½	12	11½
Smutty No. 6.....	8	7½	7	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½	3	2½	2	1½
Damp 1 Nor.....	32	31½	31	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½	26	25½
Damp 2 Nor.....	29	28½	28	27	26½	26	25½	25	24½	24	23½	23	22½
Damp 3 Nor.....	24	23½	23	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½	19	18½	18	17½
Damp 4 Nor.....	20	19½	19	18	17½	17	16½	16	15½	15	14½	14	13½
Damp No. 5.....	14	13½	13	12	11½	11	10½	10	9½	9	8½	8	7½
Damp No. 6.....	4	3½	3	2	1½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½
One A.R.W.....	34	33½	33	32	31½	31	30½	30	29½	29	28½	28	27½
Two A.R.W.....	31	30½	30	29	28½	28	27½	27	26½	26	25½	25	24½
Three A.R.W.....	26	25½	25	24	23½	23	22½	22	21½	21	20½	20	19½

1, 2 and 3 Hard Wht. Spring, same as Alta. Red Winter.

Wheat Rejected for Sprouts, same as Rejected.

Tough Rejected.....14c under straight Tough Smutty.....14c under straight Season 1930-31 (Basis 60c for 1 Nor.)

## Alberta Pool Initial Payment

Car Load Lots Basis Vancouver—Effective August 26th, 1930

	1 Nor.	2 Nor.	3 Nor.	4 Nor.	No. 5	No. 6	Feed
Straight.....	.60	.57	.52	.48	.42	.32	.25
Tough.....	.54	.51	.46	.42	.36	.26	.20
Damp.....	.48	.45	.40	.36	.30	.20	.20
Rej. & Rej. Sprouted.....	.52	.49	.44	.40	.34	.24	.20
Smutty.....	.52	.49	.44	.40	.34	.24	.20
Rejected X Heated.....	.40	.37	.32	.28	.22	.20	.20
Tough Rejected.....	.46	.43	.38	.34	.28	.20	.20
Tough Smutty.....	.46	.43	.38	.34	.28	.20	.20
Tough Rej. X Heated.....	.34	.31	.26	.22	.20	.20	.20
Tough Smutty Rej.....	.38	.35	.30	.26	.20	.20	.20
Damp Rejected.....	.40	.37	.32	.28	.22	.20	.20
Damp Smutty.....	.40	.37	.32	.28	.22	.20	.20
Smutty Rejected.....	.44	.41	.36	.32	.26	.20	.20
Dried.....	.52	.52	.52	.48	.42	.32	.25

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
No. 1 Man. Hard.....	.60					
Amber Durum.....	.54	.51	.46	.42	.36	.26
Alberta Red Winter.....	.50	.47	.42			
White Spring.....	.50	.47	.42			
Mixed Wheat.....	.45	.35	.42	.32	.40	.30
Mixed Grain.....	.25	.20	.20			
Cond. Mixed Htd.....	.25	.23				

Spread for Tough, Smutty, Rejected, etc., same as Northern.

Minimum Car Lot Price 20c Per Bushel

## Bad Advice

(The Northwestern Miller, August 20)

In its issue of last week the *Financial Post*, Toronto, gave some very bad advice on the subject of the financing of Pool wheat for the current crop year. The *Post* is usually a dependable paper, conservative, sane and inclined to be sensitive where principles and points of commercial honor are concerned. For at least this once it has been guilty of a grave error in editorial judgment. One who knows the *Financial Post* and its policies well would have to rub his eyes and read again before being convinced that his senses had not been deceiving him.

The article in question was published under the heading "Pool Farmers Need Freedom to Sell" and was mainly devoted to making the point that the members of the Western Wheat Pool should be allowed to ignore or break their contracts with the Pool when selling this year's wheat in order that they might thereby receive the benefit of the higher cash payment which will be available to those who are free to sell outright to the private grain trade. "Allowing Pool members complete freedom of sales action" is one of the phrases used to express this idea. Another reads, "Those who either wish to or must sell their grain outright should be allowed the privilege of the open market in spite of their contracts, for it can do the Pool no good to enforce a reluctant compliance with contract terms."

There is no desire here to embarrass the *Financial Post* by analyzing its argument on this subject, or discussing the fallacy of its conclusions. There has been far too much talk lately about the Pool and its banking and financial affairs. Most of this talk has been ill-informed, and advice offered has been impracticable. For this reason the *Northwestern Miller* has kept out of the argument, as it has been obvious from the beginning that discussions of the banking accommodation to the grain trade, including the Pool, this year was a matter for experts. It is, however, to be hoped that so excellent a paper as the *Financial Post* will pardon this one intrusion, since its purpose is merely to suggest that the idea of breaking, evading, ignoring or disregarding the contract between the Pool and its members, even for a year or a part of a year, should be promptly withdrawn by the *Post*. If the grain trade of Canada is remarkable for any one thing more than another it is the sanctity of the contracts, verbal or written, with which its business is carried on by buyers and sellers alike. To suggest now that a portion of the Pool membership should be allowed a special dispensation in this regard is to point the way for a flood of new troubles for the banks, the Pool, the Governments and the private grain trade.

There is not a shadow of a doubt that the Pool will establish its initial payment for wheat of the 1930 crop on the highest basis that sound business principles will allow, and there is equally little question that the Canadian banks will co-operate with the Pool in this matter to the fullest extent. In a little while the Canadian wheat crop will be on its way to market, and in spite of the fact that the price is low the public, including the farmers who have wheat to sell, will be making the best of things as they find them. This being the case, it is to the last degree mischievous and deplorable that any responsible medium of Canadian public opinion should



*seriously advise wholesale breach of contract on the part of any element in the grain trade for the sake of a momentary advantage in the matter of returns from the sale of wheat that might thereby be secured.*

**Notice Re Pool Permits**  
Seed and Feed Permits expire September 1st. All returns should be sent in immediately.

## Election of Wheat Pool Delegates

Following is the result of the election of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates. The names of the nominees and votes recorded in each one's favor are given this year in accordance with instructions from the delegates.

The name of the successful nominee is printed in black letters.

Upon the instructions of the delegates the procedure of handling the ballots and counting the votes is herewith outlined.

In each district when there is an election ballots are sent to every member. As the marked ballots come in to head office they are checked each day by three different departments of the Pool and then placed in locked ballot boxes, each district having one of these boxes. The counting of the ballots is done by the directors and a declaration as to the result filed by the secretary and signed by at least two of the directors. The ballots are then filed away for further reference. The preferential system of counting the ballots is used.

### LETHBRIDGE (District A)

A-1	—Evanson, B. J.	38
	<b>Kearns, F. J.</b>	64
	Morris, Dolph.	50
A-2	—Madill, John D.	accl.
A-3	—Eliason, N. L.	80
	Verburg, M. C.	30
A-4	—Bridge, J. H.	44
	<b>Johansen, J. A.</b>	74
	Leavitt, Frank	25
A-5	—Bowlby, T. P.	accl.
A-6	—Redd, Paul H.	accl.
A-7	—Talbot, B. R.	accl.
A-8	—Goughnour, C. J.	87
	Harris, J. A.	36
	Hempel, A. P.	29
A-9	—Flamme, A. W.	67
	Lang, Louis.	35
	Leahy John L.	62
	Nesting, Thos. O.	46
	Warrall, Alfred.	6
A-10	—Atkinson, T. J.	24
	Gardner, M. W.	59
	<b>Johnson, A. W.</b>	78

### CLARESHOLM (District B)

B-1	—Bodgener, A. S.	54
	<b>Duffield, E. I.</b>	78
B-2	—Renkenberger, H.	49
	Hummon, B. D.	40
B-3	—MacGregor, A.	accl.
B-4	—Malchow, M. E.	57
	<b>Montgomery, H. I.</b>	105
B-5	—Higgins, H. J.	57
	Nielson, J. W.	14
B-6	—Dann, John Jas.	67
	Rhodes, J. H.	41
B-7	—McManus, R. L.	45
	Ward, M. H.	64
B-8	—Morrison, W. S.	79
	Shaw, Maltman.	40
B-9	—Anderson, J. O.	accl.
B-10	—Bertram, F. J. T.	9
	<b>Greig, John C.</b>	45
	Huggard, F. G.	44

### SOUTH CALGARY (District C)

C-1	—Fowlie, J. W.	64
	<b>Frey, Jake</b>	68
C-2	—Axelson, C. H.	100
	Birtwistle, P. E.	40
	Hudson, Geo.	22
	<b>Yake, Wellington.</b>	104
C-3	—Coulter, John	61
	<b>Nester, Hugh F.</b>	102
C-4	—Bryant, Nat.	61
	<b>Mudd, J. E.</b>	99
C-5	—Maynard, J. A.	accl.
C-6	—Walter, W. A.	accl.

C-7	—Mercer, W. E.	21
	<b>Smith C. A.</b>	53
C-8	—Atkinson, John	59
	<b>Schmaltz, J. H.</b>	61
C-9	—Kaechele, David.	accl.
C-10	—Beeles, Robt. T.	13
	Biggs, G. H.	77
	<b>Hepburn, S. B. A.</b>	145

### NORTH CALGARY (District D)

D-1	—Wood, John.	accl.
D-2	—Cates, Rufus.	122
	Harris, Chas. H.	75
D-3	—Cross, Ralph L.	114
	Fraser, R. Clarke.	104
D-4	—Stewart, Norman D.	accl.
D-5	—Burton, D. J.	59
	Campbell, B.	28
	Faupel, J. W.	29
D-6	—Sutherland, J. K.	accl.
D-7	—McKay, John D.	93
	Webber, A. J. S.	45
D-8	—Baldwin, W. H.	76
	Hanson, E. A.	64
D-9	—Groat, Robert Stewart.	70
	<b>Taylor, Ira D.</b>	112
D-10	—Baird, J. A.	75
	<b>Holder, M. R.</b>	77
	Long, John F.	44
	Rushton, H. S.	10

### RED DEER (District E)

E-1	—McLaren, J. B.	62
	<b>Taggart, H. L.</b>	104
E-2	—Dobinson, J.	50
	<b>May, J. W.</b>	156
	Pye, Ronald.	88
E-3	—Auten, L. J.	144
	Ohrn, C. H.	26
	Williams, Esten.	78
E-4	—Haarstad, A. B.	160
	Robson, J. W.	86
	Smith, Thos.	61
	Stringer, W. H.	111
E-5	—Broadstock, W. F.	133
	Clark, A. H.	83
	Garbutt, Chas.	37
	<b>Sherratt, A. E.</b>	137
	Woodley, H. J.	50
E-6	—Brown, A. R.	accl.
E-7	—Bruce, George.	21
	Daken, Wm.	56
	Ferbey, M. S.	53
	Goodridge, E. W.	46
	<b>Rafn, Andrew.</b>	150
E-8	—Hopkins, C. F.	120
	<b>Keith, E. H.</b>	154
E-9	—Mueller, Walter R.	accl.
E-10	—Williamson, M. E.	accl.

### CAMROSE (District F)

F-1	—Botheras, Stanley.	45
	<b>Fawcett, C. A.</b>	92
F-2	—Pickle, C. L.	40
	<b>Scott, Duncan.</b>	104
F-3	—Beck, R. A.	accl.
F-4	—Anderson, Fred.	23
	Maddock, J. E.	72
	Orchard, G. R.	85
	<b>Wright, Walter.</b>	110
F-5	—Hallett, John.	80
	Mills, Chas.	36
F-6	—Sheardown, Harry.	accl.
F-7	—Stocks, B.	36
	<b>Walmsley, A. C.</b>	123
F-8	—Laing, John W.	accl.
F-9	—Larsen, John E.	accl.
F-10	—Harber, W. W.	accl.

### EDMONTON (District G)

G-1	—Foreman, H.	165
	Garneau, E. O.	49
G-2	—Aitken, A. F.	57
	<b>Clay, Elmer.</b>	161
	Green, W. H.	16
	Moll, L. V.	8
G-3	—Urquhart, W. G.	81
	<b>Wood, Andrew B.</b>	164
G-4	—Holmberg, Andrew.	accl.
G-5	—Dinsmore, Wm. J.	66
	<b>McDuffe, J. T.</b>	104
	Woodruff, Joseph.	76
G-6	—Popowich, Wm. P.	103
	Sembaliuk, John M.	81
G-7	—Abernethy, Geo. G.	68
	<b>Anderson, Ben M.</b>	113
	Reynolds, Martin L.	44
	Stanley, P. A.	25
G-8	—Fill, Andrew.	62
	<b>Fraser A. W.</b>	151
	Lunan, Alva.	54
	Wiltzen, Martin.	18
G-9	—Mawson, Fred.	68
	Ropcean, John.	63
G-10	—Allen, Walter.	30
	<b>Joly, Landas.</b>	155
	Olsen, Bernard.	42

## Letter from Former Albertan

N. A. Weir of 114 Howard Street, Glasgow, Scotland, formerly of Ohaton, Alberta, writes as follows:—

"While, for the time being, I have given up growing wheat, I am still very interested in the progress made by the Pool and trust it has come through the recent trying period with flying colors.

"Many of those, who, for reasons of personal gain, are opposed to co-operative marketing, will take full advantage of the present low prices ruling for grain to discredit the Pool in every way possible, but if Pool members will take the trouble to investigate the wholesale prices being obtained for other commodities, they will find that the farming industry is not by any means the only one at present faced with a difficult situation, as the prices of practically all products have dropped to an uneconomic level.

"I have been in business since my return to Scotland, and in this connection I am in constant touch with most parts of the world, so can appreciate fully the almost insurmountable difficulties the Pool management has been up against during the last year.

"I am, however, convinced that the Pool will weather all storms, provided it rigidly adheres to the original policy of marketing the grain in an orderly and steady stream throughout the year, accepting the best prices obtainable, but if, on the other hand, it departs from this



sound course of action and goes in for speculative holding of grain, it will in my opinion run serious risks of landing on the rocks."

## Discontinue Farm Storage Payments

The Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool at their regular monthly meeting held during the week of August 18th decided to discontinue the payment of farm storage during the current crop year.

During the past two years payments of a nominal sum per bushel for wheat held on farms until after the period of heavy deliveries was made by the Alberta Wheat Pool. The plan was inaugurated for the purpose of spreading deliveries at more regular intervals throughout the year. Advantage of this farm storage payment was taken by a considerable number of Pool members, but it was felt that the payments would have to be increased materially before Pool members would delay deliveries on any very large scale.

The exceptional conditions prevailing at the present time and the extreme need for cash throughout the countryside make it altogether probable that less satisfactory results would be obtained by providing for farm storage payments this crop year.

## Proposed Compulsory Grain Marketing

Saskatchewan Pool Suggested Need for Same in View of Situation

The Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool presented a resolution to the Government of that Province on Tuesday, August 19th, asking for a setting up of a Provincial Wheat Board for the handling of the entire 1930 crop of that Province. In a lengthy statement issued on August 22nd, it was pointed out that due to the unprecedented world grain marketing conditions, a short crop, and pressure of farmers' creditors, the probability is that there will be heavy hedging of non-Pool wheat when the bulk of the deliveries go on the market this fall. By means of a Province-wide Pool, the menace of this unusually heavy hedging would be relieved.

Invitations were extended to Manitoba and Alberta to join in the movement in order to have the entire 1930 crop of Western Canada sold through the Wheat Pools.

Premier Anderson, Saskatchewan, called a meeting of the Premiers, in Regina, but the Alberta and Manitoba Governments did not respond. As a consequence the plan as originally proposed has been shelved.

### Alberta Board's View

The views of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Pool on this subject were expressed in a communication sent to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Board of Directors as follows:

"Referring to your wire stating that the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool propose that the three Provincial Governments be asked to enact legislation providing for the marketing of the 1930 wheat crop of Western Canada on a prairie-wide compulsory basis through Pool channels:

"The Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool submits that the Wheat Pool was organized on a basis of voluntary Pool marketing that was believed to be economically sound. After seven years' operation our Board

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is convinced that that system is not only sound but is the best method of marketing yet evolved. Our members have definitely indicated a like confidence in the present voluntary Pool system and through their delegates have repeatedly repudiated any suggestion of departure therefrom. Administered on sound business principles the voluntary Pool has made such progress that our Board believes the members will continue to support it and its activities will extend unless those charged with the management depart from these safe principles of business. Our Board is strongly of the opinion that the making of suggestions such as that contained in your resolution will go a long way towards impeding the progress of co-operative marketing in Western Canada."

H. W. Wood, Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, gave a newspaper interview in which he stated that the suggestion for what would virtually mean a compulsory pool emanating from Saskatchewan was rather unwise. He said the introduction of compulsory pool would mean the destruction of the voluntary Pool in Saskatchewan; that the Alberta Pool would go ahead as it has been doing.

There is no doubt but what the Wheat Pool is passing through the real testing time of its existence right now. At the present time the Pool requires every ounce of loyal support. If the bulk of the membership supports the Pool and Pool elevators there is no question of the outcome.

### POOR AMERICANS

"While Americans are no doubt better fed and clothed than any other people in the world, still the great majority of men and women are really poor."—Clarence Darrow.

## Anti-Pool Propaganda

During the past few days several of Alberta Pool Elevator agents have reported that rumors are in circulation in the country to the effect that Pool members will be permitted to sell their wheat outside of Pool channels and that the board of directors will overlook any breaches of contract. This is quite contrary to the facts. These marketing agreements are completed as between some 43,000 Pool members in Alberta, and the directors and management have no power to change the signed contracts of the members, and further, have a definite responsibility in the administration of the Pool in requiring delivery from each and every member on Pool basis of all wheat acquired or produced by them in the Province, expiring with marketing of 1932 crop, except feed and seed, and in accordance with terms and conditions of the marketing agreement. Foundation of the Wheat Pool is based on our marketing agreement completed by the individual member and consideration cannot be given to any loosening of terms and conditions of same which would, without doubt, only result in disaster to the association.

Further, in regard to sale of wheat for seed or feed, it might be pointed out that it is necessary to receive a permit in writing from this association before completing sale, and that a condition of such permit provides sale to any person on the distinct understanding that such will not be resold on a commercial basis so as to compete with marketing of our Pool wheat.

### Attitude of Creditors

The Wheat Pool has been informed that some creditor interests in the Province are making plans to insist on immediate payment of debts from the crop as delivered, and in fact propose to insist that wheat of Pool members be sold on non-Pool basis in order that the producer may be able to obtain largest possible amount in cash to clear his obligations. Such action is quite contrary to the requirements of our Pool contract, and any Pool members approached by creditors of this attitude are requested to immediately communicate with head office. Every effort will be made to see that adequate protection is extended in any instances where it is indicated that certain creditors are adopting an unreasonable attitude.

## Wheat Pool Joins International Alliance

During the last week of August the International Co-operative Congress was held at Vienna. The Canadian Wheat Pool was represented at this Congress by Andrew Cairns, statistician, who delivered a lengthy address on the aims and objects of the Wheat Pool. The purpose of the Congress is to give personal contact between representative people of different nationality and race and the chance of exchanging ideas and aims of mutual interest. The Co-operative Alliance has now become a world organization and in its influence co-extensive with the civilized world. The co-operative movement is an economic system which stands alone; is the constructive association of the people which, self-contained and self-sufficient, will transform society by providing more equitable



situation more in harmony with the needs and aspirations of the whole human family.

Andrew Cairns delivered his address on the 26th of August and word was received on August 28th that the Wheat Pools of Canada had been admitted as members of this Co-operative Alliance.

### BOY'S PARADISE

Tommy (arriving at the country cottage)—Where's the bathroom, mother?  
Mother—There's no bathroom here, Tommy.

Tommy—Good, we're going to have a real holiday, then.—*Alnwick Gazette*, England.

## Alberta Coarse Grains Pool

### Will Not Operate This Year

After careful consideration of existing conditions, the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool have decided to suspend operations of the Coarse Grains Pool in Alberta as far as 1930 crop of coarse grains is concerned, and the following official statement was issued:

"The Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool have decided to suspend the operations of the Alberta Coarse Grains Pool for the current crop year. Pool elevators, however, will handle coarse grains delivered by Pool members on a cash basis paying the current market price as was the practice prior to the formation of the Coarse Grains Pool.

"The reason for the temporary suspension of the Alberta Coarse Grains Pool is due to the fact that prices for coarse

grains are at such a low level that the Pool initial payment must of necessity be restricted to a nominal amount. In view of the entire situation the Directors feel that the immediate cash requirements of many members of the Coarse Grains Pool are of such importance that the suspension of the operations of the Pool for a year is advisable.

"The Alberta Coarse Grains Pool contract permits the Directors to suspend the operations of the organization by a public announcement prior to September 1st each year."

In view of above suspension, arrangements are being made to handle coarse grains on market basis for Pool members as was the practice prior to handling of 1929 crop on Pool basis.

tation of foreign grain now used in many parts of Canada. In future years the Coarse Grains Pool will be of decided advantage.

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Farm storage has many advantages, especially in years of average or over-average crops and normal conditions. If farmers can be induced to hold considerable percentage of grain on their farms a great deal is accomplished towards solving the problem of glutting the markets and transportation systems in the fall. Before this can be done farmers will have to be educated to the value of farm storage and a reasonable inducement provided for them to hold back their grain. This year with a sub-normal crop and abnormal conditions the Alberta Wheat Pool will not pay farm storage.

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It has become apparent that even more than ever strenuous efforts are being made to break the Wheat Pool this year. Some people are going up and down the countryside spreading vile slanders against the Wheat Pool. Members will be well advised to give little heed to these lies and to stick with their organization. Don't let it be said that the farmers are quitters!

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The three Premiers of the Prairie Provinces have pleaded with the creditors of the farmers to be reasonable in their demands for payment this fall. While the country's wealth is produced on the farm any drastic steps taken which would drive the farmers out of business would react against all forms of industry in Canada. If creditors persist in being unusually drastic and unreasonable, steps will have to be taken to protect farmer debtors.

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Alberta Pool elevator system needs the support of every Pool member. Millions of dollars of Pool members' money are invested in this system and the way to protect the system is to deliver their grain to Pool elevators. Pool members will get the fairest treatment from their own elevators. Remember also that some private elevator companies will have to recoup huge losses.

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### "ROPEWORK FOR THE FARM"

The third edition of "Ropework for the Farm" has just been issued by the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta. The booklet contains many illustrations of useful knots, hitches, splices etc., and methods of using rope for a variety of purposes.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF ALBERTA COARSE GRAIN POOL

Pursuant to Clause 27 of the Coarse Grain Contract, Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned coarse grains will not be accepted for pooling this year:—

Oats, barley, flax, rye, mixed grains.

Dated at Calgary, this 23rd day of August, A.D., 1930.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL,  
Per R. O. German,  
Secretary.

## Loyalty to One Another

### When True Fibre Is Shown

It has been intimated from various sources and in many ways that members of the Wheat Pool are liable to sell their grain outside of Pool channels this fall—in other words "bootleg" it. The frequency with which this suggestion has been made indicates that an idea is being implanted in what certain interests hope to be fruitful ground. The Pool contract is one between the members of the Pool, binding the organization together. Any breach of this contract is against the rest of the membership. The Directors of the organization are responsible for the duty of seeing that the contract is lived up to. They certainly have no intention of evading this duty this year and any member who breaks the contract will be held to strict accountability; at the same time it is not anticipated that there will be any widespread "bootlegging." Members of the Wheat Pool are just as honorable and loyal as people in other walks of life and most of them have a keen realization of their responsibilities.

Don't accept as truthful any yarns about the Pool told by people who are hostile to this organization. Get in touch with your Pool elevator agent, Pool fieldman, delegate or director, and learn the facts. The rumor mongers certainly will not tell you anything favorable to the Pool—you cannot expect them to do so:

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Prof. Boyle, of Cornell University, once again bitterly criticises the Wheat Pool in the financial newspaper *Barron's Weekly*. Prof. Boyle's criticisms of the Wheat Pool have always been tinged with bias. In all his writings he has never had one favorable word to say of the Canadian Wheat Pool. He is not an unbiased critic.

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It is easy to be loyal when things are going along smoothly and there are no clouds in the sky. The true fibre of an organization is shown during periods of stress. The Wheat Pool is having its testing time now. If the membership

shows grit and endurance everything will be all right. If not the organization simply will not endure and the farm movement will suffer irreparable damage.

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Pool directors realize that a sixty-cent initial payment is inadequate, but the experience of the past year can never be allowed to occur again. The Wheat Pool must stand on its own feet. Government guarantees with all the ensuing adverse publicity and criticism must be avoided at all costs.

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Alberta Wheat Pool has suspended the Coarse Grains Pool for the present year. This was done as an emergency measure. This Pool will be operated in the future and as it develops will prove to be a great advantage to those who raise coarse grains. Plans are being made for the Coarse Grains Pool selling agency to expand home and foreign markets to endeavor to supply the Canadian demand for feed grains and supplant the impor-



## Peeping Toms—With Apologies to Lady Godiva

By JAMES P. WATSON

Recently the writer came across the first instalment of a new serial in one of our western magazines which, to say the least, intrigued him. The title was "The House of Scandal," and the theme was that of the neighborhood gossip created and disseminated by an old lady who secured her appraisal of the neighbors by the delightful method of sitting by her darkened window and peering through opera glasses into the unscreened homes of her victims. The first instalment ended rather dramatically, for the old lady had been entertained right royally in "Number Seventeen" by witnessing, first, what appeared to be a flirtation between a husband and a vamp while the wife sat in a room upstairs alone; then, secondly, a flirtation between the wife and a beau with baggy trousers; and lastly, the entrance of the shocked husband, who promptly murdered the flirts with a water bottle. Horrified beyond expression, the spectator aroused her household, or rather her son's household, and then calling out the police, escorted them to Number Seventeen as the only eye witness of the tragedy. On entering, the lady and the police found the murderer and the murdered peacefully enjoying a quiet cup of tea and cake. The police advised the old lady to use a different brand of chewing gum: I'm anxious to see the next instalment.

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Rabbie Burns said—

"Some rhyme a neibour's name to lash,  
Some rhyme (vain thocht) for needfu' cash,  
Some rhyme tae gar the country clash

An raise a din;

For me,—an aim I never fash,  
I rhyme for fun."

So there still are writers who write for spite; some who write for cash; and some for fun. Among the cash writers are journalists, mostly reporters, who add to the family income by syndicating an article once a week on some subject in the public eye. Since the days of the coming of the Wheat Pool, wheat has been very much in the public eye, and so we find a host of budding writers launching out into this sea in the hope of adding to the payments on the new model Sussex. It does not matter whether the subject matter affects adversely the life and well-being of thousands of wheat growers. It's the STORY that counts. Something sensational. You see, to be news in a modern newspaper there has to be a thrill, or something unusual. Someone said: "If a dog bites a man, that's not news. It's ordinary. But if a man bites a dog, aha, there's something to write about."

And then there is the problem of the underpaid professor. In spite of endowments and foundations it is a sad fact that plumbers and sewer busters find their labors more remunerative than the majority of those who guide the feet of our youth into the paths of learning (?). So the ambitious teacher must needs hunt up sidelines. Here is a gigantic industry needing the boost that can best be given by some nationally known educator; there we find some "free" enterprise hampered by the development of co-operative action. A little help in the

way of press articles against the co-operatives by a "scholar" who had formerly been an advocate of theoretic co-operation, would be a blessing and would surely find its reward.

### Things Seen Through the Opera Glasses

This explains why we have so many "Peeping Toms" trying to pry in at the Wheat Pool window, and also why we find strange mixtures of truth and fiction portrayed in the public press as gospel truth. Strange things have been seen and recorded by the holders of the opera glasses, from the murder of the farmers by Wheat Pool officials to the crucifixion of the grain trade by illicit co-operation on the part of the wheat growers.

There are two stars in their own particular orbits who shine most brightly over the wheat fields of the West. One is C. V. Coombe, a market news syndicate writer whose jottings occur at the end of each week. The other is Professor J. E. Boyle, of Cornell University, who appears to do the whistling intended to keep up the courage of the "trade."

Mr. Coombe is a statistician of repute (doubtful). Affirming that there were 48 million bushels of wheat in the Pool's hands at the close of the 1928 crop year and that this meant a final payment of 24 cents per bushel, he drove one hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty-seven farmers' wives into hysterics. Later on he discovered that the Central Selling agency were going to distribute a melon in the shape of the Pool's reserves to atone for failure to sell the carryover. His recent concoction is to weep crocodile tears over the plight of the farmers owing to the low initial payment on this year's crop.

We all admit that a low payment, after two hard years, is a terrible thing for our farm homes. At the same time the reasons given by Pool officials are logical, sensible and business-like. There was no need for Mr. Coombe to use incorrect figures in his effort to make a dark situation darker by misstating the cost of transportation. In the *Edmonton Journal* which I have before me, he takes a seventy cent payment and figures out how much that will net the farmer f.o.b. his shipping point. He says the Saskatchewan farmer pays 26 cents a bushel to Fort William; the Alberta farmer pays 22 cents a bushel to Vancouver, while the rate in Manitoba is 17 cents a bushel. Then he deducts that from the initial payment to show how small it is. Reference to a rate book show Lloydminster is the most westerly part of Saskatchewan, and the rate on wheat to Fort William is 14.40 cents, instead of the 26 cents quoted by Coombe; Lloydminster is also the most easterly point in Alberta, and the rate from there to Vancouver is 13.80 cents per bushel instead of the 22 cents he names. Ignorance of the fact that railroads quote rates on grain per hundred pounds led this budding syndicator to let his fancy run riot on a false assumption. The rest of Mr. Coombe's fancies are equally vague and as unreal as the old lady's vision of the murder.

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Professor Boyle peeps with more academic precision, but the fact that he only

looks into one window spoils his perspective. For instance, in his latest gossip in *Barron's Weekly*, he imitates some Canadian writers in yapping about the Wheat Pool holding up the wheat as proved by the 48 million bushel carryover. About ten lines farther on he charts Canadian carryovers for a series of six years in which the crop year of 1928-29 shows a carryover in Canada of 109,033,000. Deducting the Pool's carryover of 48,000,000 leaves some 61,000,000 bushels in some other window, but the blinds must have been down, as Boyle did not see that. The same one-sided reasoning is carried out all through his article, but there is no need to go into that, as few of our farmers read *Barron's Weekly* anyhow. But the point is that Professor Boyle either hates the Pool or is inspired to be a Balaam hired to curse Israel. To prove this let our farmers read this part of his article, and analysing it fairly, be the judges.

### "The Pool in Jeopardy"

"I have now pictured two factors which have created a crisis for the Pool—the withholding policy on the 1929 crop and the 50 per cent drop in price in the 1929 crop. The 1930 crop is sure to be well above the average in both quantity and quality. The new card of prices for the Pool's initial 1930 payment has been described above. While these low prices are called "initial prices," the farmer is likely to hark back to 1929 when the initial payment was the last payment—was more than the Pool succeeded in selling the wheat for—or he may think back to 1928, when the final payment was never made. If the farmer does recall these two recent experiences, will he deliver his 1930 crop to the Pool? Or will he bootleg it? The Pool has 140,000 farmers under contract. About 10 per cent of this number regularly bootleg their wheat. Just how many more will break away from the Pool this fall is, of course, the crucial question facing the Pool. The answer to this question may mean the death of the Pool, or a drastic reorganization of the Pool, or, if favorable, the triumph of the Pool over supreme difficulties. This brings us to a brief consideration of two other Pool problems: Is the Pool a business or a religion? Can the Pool survive?"

All right!

Let us look at this bootlegging for a bit. First, remember that there is a possible loss of twenty-five cents a bushel in liquidated damages. To offset that a member induced to break his contract must assume that (1) he won't be detected; or (2) he will get enough by way of price to offset any potential fine; or (3) he will be misled by certain impetuous creditors to bootleg in order to meet his debts; or finally, some extenuating circumstances such as sickness in the family led to the breach. Prof. Boyle says 10 per cent bootleg as a matter of course. I doubt that statement. But even if it were true, it reveals a wonderful morale if in the course of a season, in spite of lying prophets, and special inducements, and intense need, ninety per cent of the western people are loyal to their obli-



gations. If the grain trade is forced to offer inducements each year such as were evidenced last year when they became the possessors of high priced wheat which they could not dispose of, then the Pool justifies its continued existence by bringing to the farmers on the whole better living conditions. But the shareholders of certain grain companies are going to ask certain important and leading questions as to why their operations show deficits instead of dividends.

And there is another side to bootlegging. During the crash the Pool was almost deluged with attempts to bootleg wheat into the Pool, a situation which had to be met by lowering the initial payment in June to below the advances paid by the trade for wheat in store. Professor Boyle did not look in that window either. In my opinion there will be no particular increase in bootlegging apart from the few districts where the settlers have not yet acquired the Britisher's idea of the sacredness of contract.

The Professor continues:

#### "Pool—A Business or a Religion?"

"Persons familiar with the co-operative movement in the United States know that many co-operative leaders have zeal without knowledge. To such persons co-operation is a new religion, and not a business. Some of the Pool leaders in Regina and Winnipeg, with whom I have recently conferred, impress me as men of this type. They have too much theory; too little successful business experience. Perhaps the greatest weakness of the Pool is its inexperienced leadership. These men have a naive faith in statistics, forgetting that it takes a seasoned judgment to interpret statistics rightly. These leaders have an anti-middleman complex. They even boast of refusing to sell wheat to the 'middleman.' I asked these leaders if they would not have been better off if they had sold their wheat to the devil himself if he had the cash for it. They speak with almost fanatical conviction of the huge and hideous profits of the 'middleman.' In this matter they remind me of a North Dakota farmer friend of mine who once remarked to me, 'Damn these middlemen! I wish I were one!'"

"The Pool, in 'eliminating middlemen'—that is, its old customers—did set up in their places agents of its own, particularly in foreign countries. This was a costly step, because it alienated customers, decreased sales, and increased costs. The grain trade is a business, not a religion. Dogmas about 'orderly marketing' and 'eliminating the middleman' may serve as slogans to rally the faithful and hearten them amid the hardships of pioneer farming. But the touchstone of Pool success will be the amount of money saved in marketing wheat through the Pool rather than through regular commercial channels. During the past two years the Pool has failed to meet this test. This brings us to our final question."

Analyse this carefully. "The Pool, in eliminating middlemen, that is, its old customers. . . . Who are these 'old customers.' The Pool started in Alberta in 1923. Prior to that how could it have old customers. Maybe the famous educator means the farmers instead of the Pool. But even that is wrong. The farmers had no customers. The shoe was on the other foot. They were the customers of the trade. But perhaps the Professor is trying to make it appear that the Pool cut out the corn merchant, who

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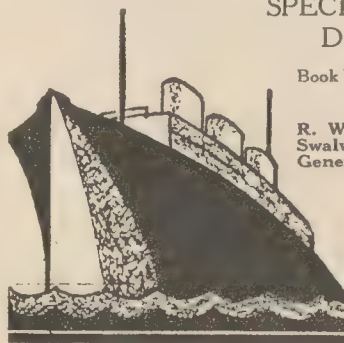
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As I have said before, I always feel a special interest in her because we made our first appearance on the platform of the same Convention in Calgary some fifteen years ago this winter I think. I shall always remember our addresses or "papers,"—and papers they were well called, for we read every word at break-neck speed from these papers that shook in our hands.

Her personal inclination was to remain working in her smaller sphere in her home Local, but when pressure was brought to bear, she finally yielded and became our Provincial President. Those who have known our organization through the years and known Mrs. Parlby, know what she has done for us and also know how our organization has developed her.

### Value of Loyal Support

I like to think that the sympathetic help of those who have played ever so small a part in the organization and possibly have had no direct personal contact with her helped her. Loyal support is of untold help at the start, especially until self confidence is established from experience. Every leader I am sure is inspired by it and is given confidence to go on and attempt further goals.

As one of the early officers in our organization, I feel we owe Mrs. Parlby a debt the newcomers do not realize. I think I have commented on it before, but it is well to remind ourselves of these things occasionally. Our organization at that time had not accomplished anything to which we could point with pride; we had made no name for ourselves, and when we went to the city we were very obviously a bunch of farm women, and farm women then lived more apart from the city and town before the general use of the car, the radio and the telephone. Then we had nothing by which to be judged but our appearance; now our achievements speak for us. I always felt that when the women of the city organizations kindly exerted themselves

for us and we went to them with the gracious, dignified Mrs. Parlby at our head, they felt a greater respect for us and we an added respect for ourselves.

If that were all she had done it would have been a help to a new organization, but the same poise and dignity have come into all her judgments and her contacts with us and when dealing with others. All through the years she has helped lay the solid foundation on which we are steadily raising our organization.

To every woman who works at any form of public work, there must come moments when she feels the only wise woman is the one who lives solely to herself, aside from social life, and assumes no public responsibilities. Whether she is an officer of an organization, the trustee of a school, a teacher in Sunday School, or occupies any of the voluntary positions women assume, there come moments of utter discouragement. Unkind criticism, a careless word hastily spoken without a second thought, is passed on as though it were deliberate judgment of her actions—all the little stings and pricks that hurt—and in addition very often at such times there is a feeling that nothing is being accomplished and that every effort is wasted and she wishes she had never undertaken the responsibility.

Fortunately these times of depression do not last and we realize that even in the face of apparent failure there has

The Hon. Irene Parlby, Minister Without Portfolio in the U.F.A. Government, has been named as one of three Canadian representatives to the September sessions of the Assembly of the League of Nations to be held in Geneva. The delegation is headed by Sir Robert Borden and Senator Thomas Chappais has also been nominated. The appointments were made by the Prime Minister, Hon. R. B. Bennett.

been something worth while for us, and we have contributed something that may be of help in the life of the individual or in the organized life of the community. Through the wider field of service have come wider interests and deeper pleasures for ourselves, and of the service its "echo rolls from soul to soul and grows forever and forever."

### Distinction in Many Fields

We gasp at the progress made in many phases of life and we read of the ever increasing ways women are distinguishing themselves. This year Amy Johnson made her wonderful flight to Australia and we marvelled at the foresight, the courage, the determination and the mechanical knowledge she must have had. The King's prize as Bisley has been won this year by a woman and the Air Derby as well. All of these outstanding events in fields where women were comparative new-comers and few in number. And we pay these women tribute for their personal success and also because they have made it easier for women in any pioneer work they undertake, both because other people will have more respect for the ability of women and also because women will have more respect for their own ability.

Does it not strike you that here in Alberta we are making tremendous strides in the positions women have taken? Such a few, few years ago and women were not considered equal to the responsibility of the franchise; such a very few years even in the life of an individual woman, much less in the life of an organization, when one of our own women felt herself unequal to being president of our then small organization; but she undertook it, gave freely of her ability which has been so developed that she with two men will represent our Dominion in this World organization.

What an inspiration that is and most heartily is *our* Mrs. Parlby to be congratulated on her appointment.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

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### MRS. GUNN TO JUDGE IN COMPETITIONS

Mrs. R. B. Gunn, former President of the U.F.W.A., has been named as one of the judges in the competitions among rural communities populated mainly by people from continental Europe, arranged by the Canadian National Railways. Details of the competitions were given in our last issue. They will be held in communities of which the populations are 70 per cent of continental European origin.

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## Activities of the U.F.W.A.

Veteran U.F.W.A. Local in a recent resolution voted to support Mrs. Wyman's plan for a Peony Day.

Mrs. J. L. Zipperer, U.F.W.A. Director for Camrose, recently organized Iron Creek U.F.W.A. Local, in the Viking district. Mrs. Herman Peterson is president and Mrs. E. G. Berge, secretary.

Battleview U.F.W.A. Local, which was organized in July, heard a paper on immigration at their August meeting, and chose a European country for study in September. Many suggestions were made for the social part of the winter's program, states Mrs. Pearl Arthur, secretary.

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. Local met at the home of Mrs. McCloud with Mrs. Gaylin Jones as assisting hostess; a letter was read on Peony Day, then, as it was picnic day, other business was left over. A heavy rain during most of the afternoon prevented the ladies from walking about the lovely gardens of the hostesses. A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Miller and a piano solo by Mrs. Bishop and Miss R. Ward, after which lunch was served.

Mrs. Clifton Bailey, secretary, writes that at the regular meeting of Spring Valley U.F.W.A. Local Mrs. Hensen gave a paper on immigration, Mrs. Hall read a paper on peonies by the Director of Town Planning, and Miss Jessie Craig gave a most interesting talk on her tour of England, Scotland and the continent. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Whitney represented the Local at the meeting of the district Health Unit. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses.

Mrs. C. J. Urquhart, secretary of Lakeview U.F.W.A. Local, writes: "The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kirkwood with a very good attendance; we had the pleasure of having our director, Mrs. Hepburn, with us; she gave us a very interesting account of the Junior Conference and the farm women's Rest Week. The basket picnic, held at Pine Lake, was a great success, about 80 people sitting down to supper; we had the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Speakman with us. Cornwall Valley and Loyalty Locals have been invited to meet with us in September."

On the afternoon of August 14th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Bredin wore quite a gala appearance, when Clairmont U.F.W.A. Local served a picnic

tea to about 150 persons. Mrs. J. W. Callister, secretary, writes. "The ladies were very busy for a couple of hours, serving tea and coffee, with heaps of sandwiches, lettuce and cake. Afterwards, the cars formed a semicircle in front of 'Twin Shacks,' and Mr. Albright, of Beaverlodge Experimental Farm, held everyone's interest when he gave a description of his flight to the Arctic. Clairmont was very fortunate in having Mr. Albright on this occasion."

"Many interesting stories were told of successes achieved and kindness received," writes Mrs. M. Cavanagh, when immigration was the subject of the roll call at the last meeting of Poplar Lake U.F.W.A. Local. Miss Eva Boyle gave reports of the Junior Conference and the Co-operative Institute; Mrs. Roswell gave an interesting paper on pioneer days, having been one of the first white children born in the district. It was decided to give a complete bed to the Bethany Lodge, also vegetables and produce to this institution and to the Hope Mission. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ferguson and Mrs. Smith presided.

A very pleasant and successful social evening was held by Eclipse U.F.W.A. Local on July 31st, over one hundred persons attending, reports Mrs. J. G. Elliott, secretary. "Our Junior U.F.A. baseball team were defeated by a team from Sartinwood. The school room was well filled when the program began with community singing, a solo by Mrs. Holton, and a brief talk by Robert Haskins, of Clive. In view of the recent strenuous political campaigns, our members were promised to be excused from speech making, but Mrs. Parly in her usual quiet and pleasant manner thanked all who had supported her and expressed her sincere desire to be of service to all alike. Mr. Irvine gave a short and instructive address, expressing the hope that the day would soon come when all Governments and institutions would exist for the good and happiness of all humanity, when the welfare of the masses would not be sacrificed for the interests of the few. The ladies sold home-made ice cream, candy and lemonade, with cake, and realized net proceeds of about \$16. The young folk ended the evening with a dance."

At the last meeting of Namao U.F.W.A. Local, held at the home of Mrs. W. Clark, a paper, "Trip Around the World" was given by Mrs. Jack McLay and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Earle Graham, secretary, writes that "since January \$100 was raised by card parties and \$50 by a play put on by members; this was contributed to the community hall piano fund. Two delegates were sent to the Annual Convention, and two to the East Edmonton convention. A course in home decorating, in April, with Miss Hutton in charge, was attended by 26 ladies. On June 4th five nearby Locals were entertained, with 95 ladies present, and Mrs. R. Price, Second Vice-President, gave a splendid talk on immigration. Mrs. S. J. Bentley, U.F.W.A. Director, also spoke briefly. At one meeting a grab bag proved popular; it contained various articles made of flour sacks and realized \$6.25 for the treasury. At our annual strawberry social and dance we cleared \$119.40; we donated \$25 towards buying paint for the church manse, and \$20.85 to the women's missionary society, sent \$5 to the Junior Conference Fund and \$5 to the Louise McKinney portrait fund. In July we greatly enjoyed a visit to the Gibbons Local."

## U. F. A. Junior Activities

Watchword: SERVICE

Motto: EQUITY

### Peony Day

The Provincial Town and Rural Planning Advisory Board has endorsed the resolution passed by the Calgary U.F.W.A. Local on the suggestion of Mrs. F. E. Wyman that October 1st of this and each succeeding year be known as

"Peony Day"—a day on which we in this Province should interest ourselves in the planting of peony roots. The peony is one of our hardiest perennials and one of our most attractive flowers. Red, pink, and white unnamed varieties can be obtained from the Lacombe Nurseries at a price of 50c, and the named



varieties, red, pink and white at a price of 75c. The express will be prepaid if ordered in bulk by the Locals. Peony roots can also be obtained from other nurseries throughout the Province. Now is the time to beautify the grounds of your home, school, cemetery, community hall, etc., and we hope our Juniors will take this matter up at their next meeting. Orders should be sent in as early as possible. The "Office of the Director of Town Planning, Government Buildings, Edmonton," would be very glad to send you a circular on "How to Plant Peony Roots," if you write for it.

### Junior News Items

Cyril Proctor, Junior Director for the Athabasca Constituency, and W. F. Waters were successful in organizing the Clyde Junior Local at Clyde on August 8th. There are eight paid up members. The following officers were elected: President, Kenneth Rogers; secretary, Doris Henson.

Donald MacDonald, reporter for the Cherhill Excelsior Junior Local, reports that the last meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith of Cherhill. They first had a game of basketball and after the meeting adjourned a very enjoyable lunch was served by their hostess. Games were enjoyed during the evening.

Loine Appleby, Secretary North Edmonton Juniors, reports they now have a membership of 45 and their meetings are becoming very interesting. During the long evenings they got the members together early and have baseball, and other games, before the meeting. Next month a debate will be held. A dance will be held after the debate, a charge of 25c will be made. Members can attend free.

When remitting dues, Margaret Lyons, secretary, reports that the Hazel Bluff Junior Local had eleven members and four visitors present at their last meeting. Len Stanton and Elmer Day gave a report on the Alberta Farm Boys Camp, which they attended during the Edmonton Exhibition, and Margaret Lyons gave a report on the Alberta Co-operative Institute which she attended at Vermilion.

The Telford Juniors joined the W.I. and U.F.A. in the community picnic on July 1st at which the president gave one of the opening addresses, reports Kathleen Fulcher, secretary. The Local sent a delegate to the Olds Conference, and he brought back a splendid report. In the spring the Local gave the boys baseball club some financial aid as most of the boys belonging to the Local also belong to the club.

Catherine Laut, Secretary of Sunshine Juniors, reports their picnic and dance was not a very great success owing to a hail storm. Jim Patterson, Junior U.F.A. Director for East and West Calgary, attended the July meeting when they had election of officers. The newly elected officers are Lila Havens, president; Margaret Lennon, vice-president. Catherine Laut was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Alice Hughes, secretary of the Crocus Plains Junior Local, reports that though the president and secretary were both absent from the last meeting the proceedings were not delayed, and a very successful meeting was held. The roll was answered by jokes and a delicious lunch of sandwiches, cake and lemonade was served at the close of the meeting. Arrangements were made for a baseball picnic. A few of the mothers who were invited were present.

A very successful novelty dance held by the Rainier Juniors is reported by May Roughsedge, secretary. The boys had charge of the luncheon; the girls arranged the novelties and decorations, the hall being decorated in red and white. The girls wore red and white aprons and caps while selling the novelties. There was a large attendance and the sum of \$18 was realized. A debate "Resolved that Aeroplanes are better than



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Cars" was arranged for the next meeting. The boys are taking the affirmative and the girls the negative.

The last meeting of the Avondale Junior Local was held at the home of Mrs. S. S. Thomson, writes Martha Johnson, Secretary. Arrangements were made for a concert at which the Junior Orchestra will give some selections, there will also be violin solos, recitations, dialogues and choruses. The Junior Yell is also being practised for the concert. A book on First Aid has been secured, one of the members each month will study a chapter and speak on it at the meetings. The girls are making baby clothes to give to some Institution at Christmas time.

The August meeting of the Bismark Junior Local was held at the home of Douglas Bresee on August 5th, reports Margaret Archibald. Plans for a picnic were discussed and it was decided to hold it at Gull Lake on August 24th. Bud Archibald was delegated to get in touch with another Local and arrange a debate. The "Junior Activities" in *The U.F.A.* were read by Homer Lee, and Bernard Deuel was appointed to read them at the next meeting. After the meeting a very dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Bresee, who was assisted by her daughter, Velma.

The Loyalty Juniors held a business meeting on July 25th in order to arrange for the annual trip to Pine Lake, reports Margaret Hogg, secretary. It was decided to take a picnic dinner and supper. An entertainment committee for the next meeting was chosen. The supervisor suggested that at each meeting the president should appoint a new president for the next meeting, thus giving everyone experience in conducting a meeting. Margaret Hogg, who was a

delegate to the Olds Institute of Co-operation, gave a thorough report, as did also the two boys, Harry Hogg and Alan McComb, who were sent to Calgary for two days to the Stampede.

"The first meeting of the Cornwall Valley Junior Local was held on August 9th," writes the Secretary, Joan Prescott. "We got two new members, but the day being very wet did not get as many as expected. Our Local is coming along fine and we expect more new members. Harold Lacey, President, gave a paper on the boy's side of the Junior Conference and myself one for the girls. George Biggs read the Junior U.F.A. Page. At our next meeting Mr. Biggs, our Supervisor, will give a paper on organization, and Olive Wood a paper on Co-operative Institute Week at Olds. Roll Call will be responded by Proverbs. We arranged to put on a Whist Drive and Dance in Cornwall Valley School soon."

A recent meeting of the Sunnyvale Local which was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Redmond, Supervisor, is reported by Kathleen Reynolds the Secretary. The meeting opened by singing "The More We Get Together." It was decided the roll call at the next meeting would be answered with a few words about a famous man, also that the members take turns in speaking for a few minutes on current events at each meeting. Vernon Avison was chosen to speak at the forthcoming meeting. The Secretary was asked to get information regarding the Efficiency Banner and Reading Course. The meeting closed with community singing, after which the members had an enjoyable time around a camp fire and had a wine roast.

## To Our Boys and Girls

By J. R. LOVE, M.L.A.

This message is in the interests of our boys and girls who graduated from school this summer, and who have now come face to face with the all important problem of making a living. This is not by way of advice because the decision as to what profession or occupation to follow as a life work must be made by each individual. This is merely to call your attention to some of the things concerning the farming business which should be taken into account, especially by farm boys or girls, before coming to a final decision in the matter.

Generally speaking we are now in the second stage of the farming industry in Western Canada. There are many young people in the West today whose parents just a few years ago farmed here on the Prairies under real pioneer conditions. Conditions today, while they are by no means what we should all like to see, are considerably different from what they were a few years ago. While all the problems have not been solved, many disadvantages have been overcome and many problems that made farming very difficult a short time ago are on the way to solutions.

There is a constant need of young, strong hearts, alert minds and ready hands to aid in working out these solutions.

Today farming is becoming organized sufficiently to exert a measure of marketing control and to wield an influence in the business, social and political world never dreamed of before. Over half of the farmers in Western Canada are today organized into effective marketing associations. This constitutes a new brotherhood to which any prospective farmer may well be proud to belong.

Never before in the history of our country were there so many agencies working constructively, and definitely, to assist in the development of a pros-

perous agriculture. Government agencies, educational institutions and research bureaus of all kinds are giving the same sort of service to agriculture that for many decades has been given to other industries.

Through organization agriculture is developing a leadership and morale that promise great things, not only for the country itself, but for the nation at large, if only it can be kept on a basis to attract its share of the best young blood from our farms and villages.

In addition to all this, life in the country today is less isolated, more comfortable, and more cheerful than ever before. The progressive farmer of 1930 may enjoy practically all the advantages which his city brother enjoys. Farming has become a modern business upon which as a foundation, through organization, we can oftentimes catch glimpses of the building of a new economic and social rural life.

All of these things ought to be considered by our boys and girls who are about to make their choice of a life work. Perhaps no line of work offers the challenge to ability and leadership which agriculture offers today. If it is to hold its own, it needs every year many new regiments of youth to fill its ranks.

The decision, as we said in the beginning, rests with each individual, but in making your decision be sure to give full consideration to the needs and opportunities that the farming business of today, because of organization and co-operation, presents to you.

(And here's the secret of a hundred creeds:

Men get opinions as boys learn to spell, By iteration chiefly.) The same thing Shall pass at last for absolutely wise.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

## PEEPING TOMS

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was an old customer of the grain trade. Even that is wrong, mostly. The setting up of Pool offices did cut out the necessity of brokerage to a great extent, and saved the brokerage charges for the farmer, as the difference between what it cost previously and since the formation of agencies is clearly shown in the report of the central agency each year and can be verified. As to the alienation of customers, on account of the elimination of the corn merchant, that is a delusion.

### Kindly Hand of Milling Trust

The Pool did not have to eliminate the British middleman. That was done, insofar as it was done, by the kindly hand of the Milling and Baking Trust. There was no refusal on the part of the Pool to sell to the devil himself at any time, even though it was known that he was being raised by journalists for a consideration. And as for decreased sales, let the Professor note that with a total delivery of 550,000,000 bushels in 1928 there was only 109 million left over at the close of the year. U.S. had 169 millions at the same time; Australia 68 million; Argentina 114 million. There was more wheat sold by Canada that year than was thought possible in view of the damaged crop.

To quote fuller from Prof. Boyle's article:

### "Risks and Costs of Withholding"

A large selling corporation, like the Pool, which holds the bulk of the crop off the market till spring or early summer, is sure to make money on a rising market and sure to lose on a falling market. Since markets rise as often as they fall, this might seem to imply an even break for the Pool. Evidence gathered by all students of the grain trade, so far as I know this evidence, shows that the rise in price from autumn to spring and early summer is in the long run and on the average enough and only enough to cover a carrying charge of a little less than one cent a bushel per month. Few agencies can carry grain as cheaply as this; therefore the fixed policy of withholding a substantial percentage of grain beyond the heavy fall movement is sure in the end to bring a loss to the farmer. In the regular grain trade this speculative risk of price changes is borne by speculators on the futures market. In the Pool, the farmer is his own speculator, and is sure in the end to lose a few cents a bushel by it, because the Pool cannot carry his wheat for the small advance in price.

"The Pool may, of course, turn at any time to the futures market and copy the sound practice of the commercial grain trade, that is, hedge the wheat against price decline."

As an investigator Professor Boyle is surely the cat's whiskers. He speaks of the findings of "students of the grain trade" and so we know just where he stands. His talk about the risks of holding owing to shortage charges shows that even yet he does not get the Pool idea. Of course there will be storage charges. But if the Pool farmer consigned all Pool wheat to Pool terminals such charges would accrue to himself pro rata as the owner of the terminal. Unfortunately, wheat comes to town in too heavy volume to accomplish that just yet, and there is to that extent a certain risk in the holding of grain if too high an initial payment has been made. With respect to



hedging, even grain companies failed to resort fully to that process last year, as is shown by the *Financial Post* of August 21, in an article under the caption—"Alberta Pacific Shareholders Demand Truth" which makes good reading to all opponents of the Pool, maybe? Perhaps if the truth were told, the Bankers Association would be glad if all grain companies were in as fair a position during this present world-wide depression as is the Pool financially.

Professor Boyle asks:

**"Can the Pool Survive?"**

"In the preceding discussion, the present crisis of the Pool was described. Can the Pool survive this 1930 crisis? Here is clearly a question of loyalty. The members are under contract. Will they stick?"

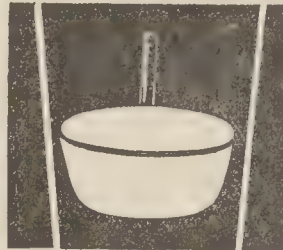
"Under similar conditions in the United States, Pool members of various large Pools have always deserted the Pool. Will the Canadian farmer behave as American farmers do? The testimony I gathered from various sources in Canada was to the effect that these farmers would stick; they were gluttons for punishment; the Pool was their religion; they would not break a legal contract. My own impression is that these farmers will break away in large numbers when they see the new card of prices. I also feel certain that the Pool will ultimately disappear, probably by breaking up into a number of smaller and more efficient units. At present it is not an efficient marketing agency."

The foregoing shows the wish being father to the thought so palpably evident, that no Wheat Pool member should be deceived on account of the misstatements scattered all the way through, and on which the entire argument is based. Here are a few statements which are ridiculous, "Pool leaders have too much theory; too little successful business experience." "They have a 'naive' faith in statistics." "Lack seasoned judgment to interpret statistics correctly." "Refused to sell wheat to the 'middleman'." Did anyone ever listen to such bunk from a responsible educator? Not a word as to the true causes of depression. Just an impeachment of Pool officials on a fanciful and superficial analysis of the situation. Professor Boyle might ask himself a question like this—If the Pool officials had a "naive" faith in statistics what kind of faith did certain recently retired leaders of the organized trade have? But he didn't look in that window.

Here is the rub. Pool members in the U.S. deserted their pools under the same pressure as is now evident in Canada. Therefore, says he, they will follow suit here. Perhaps. But Alberta has been blessed in this, she has paid little attention to mere Professorial lip service to Co-operation and has undergone a long, long grind in the rough school of experience, with a measure of understanding inculcated in the little old red school-houses and a strong nucleus of intelligent workers who will rally to the flag in spite of a low payment. For he who thinks is bound to admit that after all a sound, sane, safe, and successful co-operative can only be built up on sound, sane, safe and successful principles, and an overpayment at the beginning of a year of doubt and uncertainty is a millstone around the neck of the principles just enumerated. If disaster can ultimately come (and if nothing else will satisfy Professor Boyle) it will come quicker because of an overpayment than because of an underpayment.



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## NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

### Transportation of Sick Persons

#### Replies Received from Railways re Convention Resolution

With reference to the resolution passed by the last Annual Convention, requesting the railways to provide better facilities for the transportation of sick persons on stretchers, the secretary, Miss F. Bateman, has received a letter from Sir Henry Thornton, on behalf of the Canadian National Railways, stating that the matter would receive consideration.

A. Halkett, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Alberta, writes, in part, as follows:

"As stated to you verbally this request came to us somewhat as a surprise as we have very many cases on record in past years wherein those of our patrons who, by reason of accident or illness, had to be handled in our baggage cars on stretchers, have written expressing gratitude and appreciation for the attention and comforts that were afforded them in their hour of need.

"It was gratifying indeed to find how interested you were in the details that would be necessary in any attempt to put a scheme such as recommended into effect and that you appreciated, for the reasons given, that the idea would not be feasible, as our experience shows that the major proportion of stretcher cases are the result of accidents that could not be foreseen.

"The satisfaction expressed by so many of our patrons in the past for the attention and consideration given cases of this kind in our baggage cars conclusively shows that we are always ready to co-operate to the limit of our ability in satisfactorily caring for patrons suffering through illness or accident and you may be assured that the same policy will be sympathetically continued."

### U.F.A. Local Items

"I have wanted for some time to become a member of the U.F.A., because I consider them the most outstanding organization of the working class on this continent," says a letter from Harry Smith, of Drumheller, in forwarding dues as a member-at-large. "I have watched this movement since its inception and its advancement is an outstanding tribute to its leaders, and co-operative thought."

Valley Spring U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. O'Neil, when Miss Jennie Jaines gave a very interesting report of the Institute of Co-operation. After the usual business, A. G. Andrews, M.L.A., addressed the two Locals, giving a very instructive and interesting talk on the natural resources and other subjects, which was heartily enjoyed by all present, reports J. A. Waite, secretary. Votes of thanks were extended to Miss Jaines and Mr. Andrews. The ladies served refreshments and a social hour followed.

John A. Nichols, secretary of Clyde U.F.A. Local, writes: "Our picnic on July First was very successful, though somewhat spoilt by the rain that fell towards

evening; however, the dance, in spite of the rain, was a wonderful success. We now have a Junior Local here, brought into being largely through the efforts of Kenneth Rogers, the delegate we sent to the Junior Conference this year. He came back so enthusiastic over what he had seen and heard that he immediately set to work, with the result that last Saturday night saw a Junior Local organized with eight paid-up members. The report that Kenneth gave of the Junior Conference was splendid, and the Local feel well repaid for sending a delegate. We wish our Junior Local every success."

#### PINCHER CREEK CO-OP.

A membership of 175 was reported by the secretary, S. Lunn, at the annual meeting of the Pincher Creek Co-operative Livestock Marketing Association, held on August 2nd, states the *Pincher Creek Echo*. The report of the auditors showed that the affairs financially were in good shape. The retiring Board was re-elected in its entirety. A. B. Claypool, President of the Alberta Livestock Pool, gave an address on the workings of the Pool, stating that arrangements had been made to build stock yards at Lethbridge and that the Pool would operate at that point, taking care of all the stock in the south. Mr. Claypool gave an account of the successful experiment in feeding cattle in the Lethbridge Northern district. He emphasized the fact that a steady supply of good beef must be provided in order to establish an export trade. With reference to packing plants, he said that a start would be made as soon as conditions warranted. Mr. Claypool's address was followed by a prolonged general discussion. E. G. Cook was chairman.

### Late U.F.W.A. News

#### Coronation Convention

We print below an official report by F. J. Doherty, secretary-treasurer of the Coronation U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association. Reference to this remarkably successful convention was made by Norman F. Priestley in an article published in our last issue.

The annual two-day convention and U.F.A. Sunday of Coronation constituency was held again this year at Gooseberry Lake on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd and in the opinion of those present, was the best convention we have held to date.

The general business got well under way by two o'clock of the first day, and at 3:30 Hon. G. N. Johnston delivered his annual address, followed by a few questions and some discussion which continued until about 5:15, the remaining hour being taken up with a few resolutions.

The evening session opened with community singing and a few piano selections by that wonderful pianist Ralph Jupp.

Hon. O. L. McPherson, Minister of Public Works, was called on at 8 o'clock to address the convention. This was the first opportunity many of us had of hearing the Minister and he was very well received by a

### Britain's New Poet Laureate

By ELIOT HARRIS

John Masefield has been appointed Poet Laureate of Britain on recommendation of the Labor Government. His official duty—to which no one will hold him very closely—is to write stirring verses on great public occasions. His salary is something like \$350 a year, and a "butt of sack," but Masefield says he doesn't care for sack.

He is the first labor laureate in history. Nominally, the office in England began with Chaucer. Actually, the laureate is successor to the king's harper. But here is a king's harper who would rather sing of commoners than kings, and says so; who indeed, has sung much of the least fortunate of commoners.

Masefield's poetic creed is told in his poem, "A Consecration," written long before he dreamed of holding the position once filled by Tennyson. Here it is in full:

Not of the princes and prelates with periwigged charioteers  
Riding triumphantly laurelled to lap the fat of the years,  
Rather the scorned—the rejected—the men hemmed in with the spears—

The men of the tattered battalion which fights till it dies,  
Dazed with the dust of the battle, the din and the cries—  
The men with the broken heads and the blood running into their eyes.

Not the bemedalled commander, beloved of the throne,  
Riding cock-horse to parade when the bugles are blown,  
But the lads who carried the koppie and cannot be known.

Not the ruler for me, but the ranker, the tramp of the road,  
The slave with the sack on his shoulders pricked on with the goad,  
The man with too weighty a burden, too weary a load;

The sailor, the stoker of steamers, the man with the clout,  
The chantyman bent at the hiliards putting a tune to the shout,  
The drowsy man at the wheel and the tired lookout.

Others may sing of the wine and the wealth and the mirth,  
The portly presence of potentates goodly in girth—  
Mine be the dirt and the dross, the dust and scum of the earth!

Theirs be the music, the color, the glory, the gold;  
Mine be a handful of ashes, a mouthful of mould.  
Of these shall my songs be fashioned, my tale be told.

Amen:



large audience. Many questions were asked and Mr. McPherson very clearly answered each and all. This was followed by a fine old time dance which lasted until there wasn't a kick left in that old foot.

Saturday the proceedings opened with more music, which made everyone sit up and take notice, and, following the program to the letter, the Co-operative Association held their annual meeting. This carried on until one o'clock, when we adjourned for lunch, reconvening in the evening while others danced. At two o'clock our Juniors took charge and gave us a real program, which lasted until close to four o'clock.

At four o'clock Lew Hutchison addressed the convention on Wheat Pool matters and the discussion following carried us on until 6:15, when we again retired to feed.

The evening session found us listening to a well delivered speech by "Bob" Gardiner, M.P., for Acadia Federal Constituency, the program coming to a close with an hour's dancing; midnight calling a halt.

U.F.A. Sunday was much enjoyed by the largest crowd ever assembled at the lake, Norman F. Priestley, B.A., delivering a very fine address during the afternoon.

It seems to be the general opinion that the time allocated to this convention is too short and preparations are on foot for lengthening the time by one day.

#### Officers Elected

The following officers were elected during the second day: President, C. A. Fawcett, Consort; Vice-President, M. McCrae, Federal; Directors—G. W. Sturmer Loyalist; J. G. Milne, Coronation; J. Mitchell, Monitor; J. F. Cameron, Fleet; F. A. Wilson, Sedalia; W. Wraight, Veteran. Sub-directors—R. L. Cross, Naco. M. C. Robson, Hiram; R. W. Baxter, Pemukin; J. Haynes, Castor; R. Massam, New Brigden; D. Lane, Neutral Hills.

The election of Secretary-Treasurer was left to a board meeting.

The August meeting of Beddington U.F.W.A. was held on the 13th at the home of our vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Evans. It was called to order by the president, Mrs. G. W. Wall, as have all previous meetings of the year. There was a large attendance, in spite of the extreme heat.

After the business part of the meeting we were entertained by a pinao solo by Marian Goodkey, and a vocal solo by June Evans. Mrs. A. W. Brooks gave a splendid reading on Immigration and Mabel Bushfield sang a hymn.

It was decided that the directors of the hall, directors of the U.F.A. and the U.F.W.A. directors meet as soon as possible to plan the entertainment for the coming season. A delicious lunch was served.

#### OKOTOKS U.F.W.A. TEA

Mrs. E. Bradshaw writes that Okotoks U.F.W.A. Local held a tea and sale of home cooking in June, with a fortune-telling booth. Guesses were made on the weight of a two-story fruit cake, donated by Mrs. Gould. At the April meeting, an address by Mrs. Dwelle on "The Ideal U.F.W.A. Woman" was greatly enjoyed. About ninety people attended the May meeting, to hear Mrs. Wyman, who spoke on new legislation, and Mr. Hoadley. The meeting closed with community singing and lunch.

#### GARDEN VEGETABLE SEEDS

The Seed Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture have issued a pamphlet—No. 111—entitled "Principal Varieties of Garden Vegetables Approved for Registration." This will be useful in selecting the best varieties of garden seeds; the kinds of seed are listed in order of earliness of maturity, and those approved for registration by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association are indicated.

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## Troubles in Private Grain Trade

The *Financial Post* of Toronto in its issue of August 21st prints the following dispatch from Winnipeg:—

"It is understood in Winnipeg that the loss of Alberta Pacific Grain Co. in the year ended June 30th will prove to be startlingly high due to losses of nearly \$2,000,000 in connection with transactions with other James Stewart companies. This is contrasted with profits of \$1,440,906 in the previous year.

"But it is said that the net loss of the year includes advances of considerable amounts to other companies in the James Stewart connection. These loans, if repaid, would largely offset the loss of the year.

"Whether or not the report of Alberta Pacific will reveal losses to this amount will depend, it is said, on the attitude of the shareholders' auditors toward these loans. Moderate advances to affiliated or subsidiary companies might normally be included in the assets of a company, but it is doubted if auditors would approve this course, in the case of Alberta Pacific Grain, in view of the magnitude of the advances and the doubts, expressed freely, that liquidation in the near future is feasible.

"In the case of some of the large advances made of Alberta Pacific funds, doubt is expressed as to whether they can ever be collected in full.

### Staff Re-organization

"Corroborating recent reports in the *Financial Post* of difficulties confronting the James Stewart group of companies is an announcement of the resignation of Mr. Stewart from presidency and the board of directors of Alberta Pacific Grain Co., and as chairman of the board of Federal Grain, Ltd.

"F. W. Riddell, it was announced at the same time, has resigned as vice-president and managing director of Alberta Pacific, while A. C. Michael, general manager of Federal Grain, had left the position. Mr. Michael also has been on the board of the Alberta Pacific.

"J. C. Gage, one of the leading men in the grain trade, has succeeded Mr. Stewart as president of Alberta Pacific, but as yet no successor has been named to Mr. Riddell, as general manager. H. E. Sellers, vice-president of Federal Grain, succeeds Mr. Michael as managing director and, of course, Mr. Sellers remains on the board.

"Earnings of all grain companies, it is a foregone conclusion, will be reported as much lower for the crop year ended July 31st, than for any other recent year. In the case of Federal Grain it is stated that the company will report some loss, but that the company remains in good liquid condition and that there is no cause for worry on the part of shareholders.

### Further Financing Possible

"It is understood that some further financing, probably taking the form of second mortgage, will be necessary in the case of Alberta Pacific Grain.

"As the creation of an obligation ranking ahead of the preferred shares will require the consent of shareholders, it is likely that, before such consent is given, the directors will be called on to explain in detail the reasons for the conditions which make further financing necessary. This company, it will be noted, was one

of the most prosperous in the grain trade, and one which a year ago published a balance sheet which showed it to be in a strong position.

### Public Holding Large

"Today the balance sheet tells a much different story. The changes are so far-reaching that shareholders will not be inclined to consider them the proper results of even an abnormal year. Shareholders will undoubtedly demand the whole story before authorizing any financial reorganization.

"Public investment interest is broader in Alberta Pacific Grain than in any other company in the trade. It was the first grain company the securities of which were offered for general distribution, if United Grain Growers, purely a farmer-owned organization, be excepted. Moreover, in the case of Alberta Pacific, virtually all of the capital and the equity are represented by preferred and common shares held by the public, whereas in Federal Grain and in Western Grain, the common shares are mostly held by interests which merged their elevators and other assets to form these companies.

### Insiders Hold Federal Common

"Federal Grain is a 1929 incorporation, merging these companies:

"Consolidated Elevator, International Elevator, Federal Grain, Union Grain, Northwestern Elevator, Topper Grain, Stewart Terminals, McLaughlin Elevator and Brooks Elevator.

"Outstanding capitalization of Federal Grain is: 6 per cent first mortgage, due August 1st, 1949, \$4,250,000; 6½ per cent cumulative preferred stock, \$3,000,000; 160,000 no par value Class 'A' non-voting shares and 40,000 Class 'B' voting shares. Only 12,000 of the Class 'A' common, and none of the Class 'B' common shares are held by the public, the former having been distributed as a bonus with the preferred stock.

"Alberta Pacific Grain has a funded debt of \$3,224,500, a 6 per cent first mortgage. Capital stock consists of \$3,000,000 of 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock, 80,000 Class 'A' common shares, non-voting, and 20,000 shares of Class 'B' voting shares. It has been understood that virtually all of the voting shares of the company have been held by Mr. Stewart. Of the outstanding Class 'A' shares, 30,000 were distributed to the public as bonus stock with the preferred and it is believed that some of the remaining 50,000 shares have been distributed since the original offering in 1926.

### Heavy Losses

"Just how acute have been the troubles of the grain companies in which Mr. Stewart has been a dominant factor will not be known until the annual reports of these companies are available. These troubles began about a year ago when the sentiment generally was that wheat prices would go materially higher. Since then there has been a drop, on the average, of about one-third in values of this commodity, with the result that a number of grain companies have had to write off heavy losses.

"In theory, elevator companies do not speculate. They act as commission merchants and when purchases are made, there is, in theory, an immediate hedging of the cash purchase by the sale of futures in the corresponding contract grades. In practice, it is often impracticable to hedge completely, but in the case of some companies, a substantial proportion of purchases appear to have been left without hedging, so that there were heavy losses when the grain was sold. In the case of Federal Grain, as is noted above, it is stated that there will be a small loss on the year's operations. The revenues of the companies for the last crop year from elevator operations were reduced greatly by the smallness of the crop, so that earnings from elevator operations and other fees would not go far toward offsetting losses from holding wheat at high prices."

## News from Head Office of Livestock Pool

By DONALD MacLEOD

The task of coming into this office from the hay field in a rather tired physical condition to make a worth while contribution to the Livestock Pool page is not an easy one, and we must beg for the clemency of our readers.

On our way to town truck loads of livestock being delivered directly to the packing plants were very much in evidence.

When we arrive at the office we find that there is no news of any description on our file that would be interesting to our readers. The Manager is on a short vacation, our President is at home bravely making stooks, and wondering what he is going to get for it all.

Receipts at the stockyards are abnormally low. Lamb prices down another cent, and the price of cattle lower than during the past six years.

We noticed a heading on a newspaper article (which we did not read) by Winston Churchill entitled "The Curse of Plenty". Whatever Churchill's conclusions, if any, in the matter might have been, we who produce in super-abundance have daily proofs of the reality of that curse.

We have more than once appealed to our Local Associations to provide us with news items for this page, and the response was practically nil. Now why does not some one find fault with what we say, or fail to say, on this page; or must we really say something entirely wrong or out of place before any comments are forthcoming?

By the way, one Association has sent in a resolution implying that our salesmen do not always sell our stock for what it is worth. That may appear in the minds of those who are in a good position to know the facts, as a very unkind cut towards our salesmen, whom we know to have at times a difficult situation to deal with, but personally we rather admire an Association which is aggressive enough to register kicks of that kind.

### Office Gossip

J. H. Thompson, manager of St. Paul Co-op. was in the market last week. Jim is shipping regularly every two weeks.



although livestock throughout his territory is rather scarce this year.

We regret to learn that Lon Neary, who has been manager of the Castor-Coronation Association during the last few years, has resigned. He is being succeeded by H. Willsie. We understand that Mr. Willsie is a genial old-timer, an experienced stock man, and understands the shipping business well. We wish him success.

Elmer Acorn, manager of the Peers Association, was on the market this week with a mixed car of stock. In the Peers district everyone from the Wheat King downwards is a booster, and Elmer is no exception. He says that a very fine crop is in the course of being cut in his district.

Charlie Miller of the Chauvin-Edgerton Association was in last week with two cars of stock and his good-natured smile and cheerful humor. He reports that conditions in his district look favorable both as to crop and livestock.

## Alberta Oil Pool Opens Edmonton Warehouse

The Alberta Oil Pool announces the opening of offices and warehouse at 10521-105th Avenue, Edmonton, where complete stocks of lubricants are available for distribution in the northern half of the Province.

The southern half of the Province is being served from our warehouse in Calgary.

It is hoped that the first country unit which is now being set up at Hussar will be in operation by the time this announcement appears in print.

Other units are in course of organization and from the support being received it is evident that the farmers of Alberta have set their minds upon developing a strong provincial-wide consumer organization.

### Setting Up Country Units

The plan of organizing the country units is:

Twelve or more points are being selected as our objective between now and March, 1931. A series of meetings will be arranged during October and November.

Each district group to subscribe no less than \$3000 in cash in preference shares and there to be not less than 75 individual subscribers. Anyone may purchase any number of shares either all cash or on terms of not less than \$5 cash, \$5 in 6 months, balance 1 year; the directors in charge to be responsible for appointing canvassers and seeing that their authority is filled in on application forms. All monies received by canvassers to be remitted to head office with applications.

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Managing Director

## Correspondence

### C.P.R. CONTRACT HOLDERS

The letter published in a Calgary newspaper regarding dissatisfaction among the farmers in the C.P.R. Block, confines this feeling as existing in only a few mentioned districts.

This is not the case, as the farmers in the whole of the Western Block are concerned, and shortly hope to make representation to the C.P.R. for relief in the shape of a new contract, which not only will benefit the C.P.R. in getting their payments for land, but aid the holders of contracts to help themselves, as well.

As conditions now exist with the past number of years piling up of compounded interest, the land not having produced sufficient income to liquidate the farmers' debts, it is practically an impossibility to carry on; in one municipality alone over 71,765 acres, affecting 110 families, having reverted to the Company through quit claim deeds and cancellations out of approximately 200,000 acres contained in this municipality.

The C.P.R. Block has been settled in the greater part in the past sixteen to twenty years by settlers of at least average intelligence and energy, bringing with them considerable cash, with a thought to making it a home. Medium to very good roads have been constructed and farms improved, as well as first class schools being established, and to these early settlers must be given due credit for what has been accomplished, and for them to be compelled to vacate, is a hardship not only in the way of making a gift of his life's work, but it reflects its influence on our towns and cities as well. This inability in taking care of existing indebtedness say for the past ten years' period, has been caused in the most part by existing climatic conditions, under which none of us can hope to cope. Admitting the wonderful 1923 crop, what remained after payment of production costs? and with four dry years what became of the 1928 crop with low grades, as well as the low grade 1925 and 1927 crops?

The only possible way to make a success of our western country, is for the rural districts to be placed in a position whereby they can meet their payments of lands, and allow them a livable surplus, which in turn helps our towns and cities to exist, and not to be forced out, and immigrants be allowed to enter thereon, at a price per acre in some cases, less than the original owner paid, as well as enjoying the labors of the original settler. Such a foundation under which a new country rests, is not sound, and it is to be hoped something may be accomplished to alleviate present existing conditions in this respect.

So serious is the consideration being given this matter that a mass meeting is being held in Rockyford, on September 4th, and Mr. E. J. Garland, M.P., for Bow River, will address the meeting.

W. E. MERCER.

Ardenode, Alberta.



## EDITORIAL

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her from studying closely international problems and of her qualifications for the duties she is undertaking there is no doubt.

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## C.P.R. CONTRACT HOLDERS

Elsewhere in this issue a correspondent describes the objects which C.P.R. contract holders who wish to deal with the company in an organized way have in view. Those responsible have clearly expressed their desire to meet the company not in any spirit of antagonism, but with a view to co-operation which they believe will prove advantageous to company and contract holders alike.

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Owing to lack of space a number of contributions and special articles which it had been planned to use in the current issue are unavoidably held over.

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